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SUBJECT: US NAVY OPHTHALMOLOGICAL TRAINING PROGRAM
AT HARRAR

1. CAPTAIN KING, USN MEDICAL CORPS, WHILE IN ETHIOPIA
28 JULY TO 12 AUGUST 1973, NEGOTIATED AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL EYE FOUNDATION (A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION) AND THE HAILE SELASSIE FIRST FOUNDA-
TION OF ETHIOPIA FOR AN OPHTHALMOLOGICAL PROGRAM. PROGRAM
CONSISTS OF THREE USN DOCTORS (PERSONNEL TO ROTATE) STATIONED
AT HAILE SELASSIE FIRST HOSPITAL IN HARRAR FOR PURPOSES OF
PROVIDING OPHTHALMOLOGICAL CARE TO ETHIOPIANS, TRAINING
ETHIOPIAN DOCTORS, CARRYING OUT OPHTHALMOLOGICAL
RESEARCH, AND PROVIDING EXPERIENCE TO PARTICIPATING
DOCTORS IN TREATING EYE DISEASES ENDEMIC TO ETHIOPIA. THE
TWO FOUNDATIONS WILL SPLIT THE COST OF FACILITIES, EQUIP-
MENT, AND LOGISTICS AND NURSING SUPPORT. BY SEPARATE AGREE-
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MENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL EYE FOUNDATION, US NAVY WILL

PROVIDE THREE USN DOCTORS AND PAY THEIR SALARIES, TRANSPORTATION, AND ALLOWANCES. US NAVY WILL ALSO PROVIDE ONE USN TECHNICAL CHIEF FOR INITIAL TRAINING OF NURSES.

2. CAPTIAN KING REPORTS THAT ABOUT JULY 28 HE EXPLAINED THE PROGRAM TO CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, WHO GAVE PROJECT EMBASSY'S APPROVAL. CAPTAIN KING ALSO REPORTS THAT PROGRAM WAS OUTLINED TO THE EMPEROR DURING PRIVATE AUDIENCE ON AUGUST 5 AND RECEIVED EMPEROR'S APPROVAL.

3. ARTICLE 11 OF USG-IEG AGREEMENT OF MAY 22, 1953, CONCERNING UTILIZATION OF DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS WITHIN EMPIRE OF ETHIOPIA REQUIRES AGREEMENT OF APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF IEG FOR ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE INSTALLATIONS CONDUCTED FOR TRAINING OF US FORCES PERSONNEL.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY CONFIRM THE IEG'S APPROVAL OF THIS PROGRAM UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF ABOVE-MENTIONED AGREEMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP AS NAVY WOULD LIKE FIRST TEAM OF DOCTORS TO ARRIVE BY DECEMBER 10. KISSINGER

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